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Letter dated 20 December 2018 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the agreements reached in Sweden on 13 December 2018 at the conclusion of the intra-Yemeni peace consultations (see annex), namely an agreement on the city of Hudaydah and the ports of Hudaydah, Salif and Ra's Isa, an executive mechanism on activating the prisoner exchange agreement and a statement of understanding on Ta'izz.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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Annex

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Stockholm Agreement

The Parties,

After holding consultations under the auspices of the United Nations from 6–13 December 2018 in the Kingdom of Sweden,

Expressing their gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden for hosting the consultations and for the hospitality and support they provided throughout,

Expressing their gratitude also to all states and organizations that have provided the support necessary for the consultations to succeed,

Considering the urgent need to address the dire humanitarian situation and insecure conditions faced by the Yemeni people,

The parties reached an agreement on the following:

1- An agreement on the city of Hodeidah and the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa.

2- An executive mechanism on activating the prisoner exchange agreement.

3- A statement of understanding on Taïz.

We shall be committed,

- *To* fully implement this Agreement and to work towards the removal of any obstructions or impediments to its implementation.
- *To* refrain from any action, escalation or decisions that would undermine the prospects for full implementation of this Agreement.
- *To* continue the consultations unconditionally in January 2019 in a location to be agreed upon by the parties.

Agreement on the City of Hodeidah and Ports of Hodeidah, Salif, and Ras Isa

The parties reached an agreement on the following:

- An immediate cease-fire shall enter into force in the city of Hodeidah, the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa and the governorate upon signature of this agreement.
- A mutual redeployment of forces shall be carried out from the city of Hodeidah and the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa to agreed upon locations outside the city and the ports.
- The parties shall be committed not to bring any military reinforcements to the city, the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa, and the governorate.
- The parties shall be committed to remove any military manifestations from the city.
- A joint and agreed upon Redeployment Coordination Committee chaired by the United Nations and comprised of, but not limited to, members of the parties shall be established to oversee the cease-fire and the re-deployment.
- The Redeployment Coordination Committee shall supervise the re-deployment and monitoring operations and it shall also oversee the de-mining operations in the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa.
- The Chairman of the Redeployment Coordination Committee will report on a weekly basis to the Security Council through the Secretary-General on the compliance of the parties to the terms of the agreement.
- A UN leading role in supporting Yemen Red Sea Ports Corporation in management and inspections at the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras al-Isa, to include enhanced UNVIM monitoring in the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa.
- A strengthened UN presence in the city of Hodeidah and Ports of Hodeidah, Salif, and Ras Isa.
- The parties shall be committed to facilitate and support the work of the United Nations in Hodeidah.
- Parties shall facilitate the freedom of movement of civilians and goods from and to the city of Hodeidah and the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa and the delivery of humanitarian aid through the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa.
- Revenues of the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa shall be channeled to the Central Bank of Yemen through its branch in Hodeidah as a contribution to the payment of salaries in the governate of Hodeidah and throughout Yemen.
- Security of the city of Hodeidah and the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa shall be the responsibility of local security forces in accordance with Yemeni law. Legal lines of authority shall be respected and any obstructions to proper functioning of local state institutions, including supervisors, shall be removed.
- This Agreement shall not be considered a precedent to be referred to in any subsequent consultations or negotiations.

This agreement shall be implemented in phases, the details of which will determined by the Redeployment Coordination Committee. The redeployment from the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa and critical parts of the city associated with the

humanitarian facilities shall be the first phase and it shall be completed within two weeks after the cease-fire enters into force. The full mutual redeployment of all forces from the city of Hodeidah and the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa shall be completed within a maximum period of 21 days after the cease-fire enters into force.

Statement of Understanding on Ta'iz

The two parties agreed on the following:

1- Form a joint committee including representative from the Civil Society and with the participation of the United Nations.

2- The two parties shall designate their representatives in the joint committee, and the names shall be delivered to the United Nations no later than one week after the conclusion date of Sweden consultations.

3- The United Nations shall set the date and location of the first meeting of the joint committee.

4- The joint committee shall determine its working mechanism and the ToRs of its members.

5- The joint committee submit a report on its work to the upcoming consultations.